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Tom Wheeler Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

RE: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

I am Chairman of the Chicago City Council Latino Caucus, as well as a Chicago City alderman since 2003. My career has been focused on serving families and children, as the Executive Director for the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago and Executive Director for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Chicago. In my roles I have had multiple interactions with Comcast and I have found the company to be a stalwart supporter of Chicago area organizations and initiatives and in sync with the missions we serve.

The proposed transaction between Comcast and Time Warner Cable promises to extend Comcast's service-minded philosophy to more communities, and for that reason, I respectfully request that the Commission approve the proposed transaction.

Allow me to elaborate on the kinds of activities I have personally witnessed Comcast taking part in, here in Chicago:

Last year, Comcast lent the city one of its own top professionals to work on our Plan for Economic Growth and Jobs. Christopher Nelson, Comcast's Manager of Government and Regulatory Affairs for the Greater Chicago Region, worked for us fulltime as part of our new Fellows program, whereby companies in the area lent us professionals with economic expertise for as long as six months.

As Chairman of the Latino Caucus, I am in regular contact with our Hispanic entrepreneurs and business owners. Comcast devotes a significant portion of its budget on contracts with Hispanic suppliers. And its offerings in Hispanic programming are extensive. Comcast has more than 60 Spanish language networks and offers Xfinity Latino, which carries all the popular Hispanic channels. As far as entertainment goes, you can't do much better than Hispanic Video on Demand, with films, TV, music and children's programming. In fact, Comcast's programming for children in Hispanic communities is very popular with families.

I have devoted myself to improving opportunities for our children and here is where Comcast really shines. Its employees spend hours mentoring high school students. During my time at the Boys and Girls Club, Comcast stepped up with donations of computers, software and digital skills training, and their staff served on the

organization's board, among other contributions. Comcast worked hard to get the word out a few years ago, when it started the Internet Essentials program for low-income families. In fact, last fall, more families in the Chicago area had enrolled in Internet Essentials than any other city in the nation. That means that more of our children now have computers and internet in their homes. They are better connected to their schools and teachers, and their parents are able to get online and follow their children's progress as well as apply for jobs.

Comcast has also been a generous sponsor of many of the City's community events and cultural celebrations and programs. This summer, Comcast was a sponsor for the Rahm's Readers Summer Learning Challenge at Chicago Public Library's Douglass Branch, in which children are trying to set records for the number of books read and time spent reading. Comcast is a backer of the Milwaukee Avenue Arts Festival in Logan Square, which is located in the ward I represent.

This kind of collaboration between community and corporate citizens is a model for all regions. I know that wherever Comcast services are offered, there also are benefits for children, families, schools and businesses. My hope is that more communities have the opportunity to experience what we here in Chicago have experienced. I anticipate and welcome the Commission's support of the proposed transaction.

Respectfully,

Rey Colón

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